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Robbery charge is filed

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

Seth Savage Slayton, 19, of 506 N. Second St., was arrested Wednesday by Big Spring Police Department on a charge of aggravated robbery.



Slayton

According to information provided by Police Chief Lonnie Smith, the alleged offense took place at 121 E. Third St. — World Finance Corporation — at 8:38 a.m. Construction workers nearby reported seeing Slayton enter the building and, upon exiting, get into a blue Camaro with T-tops. The clerk is said to have come out of the business, calling for the police.

"The assistant manager was able to identify Slayton to the officers," Smith said.

Slayton allegedly sprayed the clerk with pepper spray and took off with money bags which included an undisclosed amount of cash.

After about 30 minutes, officers were able to locate Slayton at the Gold Rush, where they apprehended him.

"Upon arresting Slayton at Gold Rush, the majority of the money was recovered," Smith said.

According to Smith, the clerk was treated at Scenic Mountain Medical Center to make sure no long-term damage was caused by the pepper spray.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Crews raise roofing material to the top of Big Spring High School as renovation work on the building continues. School district officials say work at the campus is expected to continue through February.

Local charged with assault & kidnapping

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

A 26-year-old Big Spring man is in the Howard County Detention Center, after authorities say he kidnapped a woman from a Midland bar Saturday and sexually assaulted her.



Glenn

Jonathan Brandon Glenn, 26, of 601 State St., was arrested Thursday on charges of aggravated sexual assault and kidnapping.

According to Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith, an adult female victim — with an address in Midland

— reported the sexual assault and kidnapping around 12:30 p.m. Monday.

"The victim came into the police department and reported that sexual assault had taken place Aug. 4 and Aug. 5," Smith said. "The assaults are said to have occurred at 601 State St. in Big Spring."

Other media reports have stated the victim was kidnapped from Rockin Rodeo nightclub in Midland and then brought to Big Spring where the sexual assaults were said to have occurred over a two-day period.

"Glenn is reported to be known by the victim and

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BSISD to add bus stops

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Faced with the hazardous possibility of some students having to cross major traffic arteries on their way to school, Big Spring Independent School District officials have increased the number of bus stops for the coming year.

BSISD trustees learned of the new plan during their monthly meeting Thursday in the high school board room.

When the school district redrew its attendance zones earlier this year, offi-

"Putting our students' safety as our top priority is where this new plan came from."

—BSISD Transportation Director
Wayland Pierce



cially realized that some students would have to cross busy highways if they chose to walk to school.

In particular, some students living

west of Gregg Street would have to cross that road en route to Goliad Elementary, while children in Kentwood and Highland South would have to traverse FM 700 to get to Washington and Goliad, respectively.

Officials realized that situation was intolerable.

"Rezoning the school district created some unfortunate changes, and with those changes came issues that had

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TALKING TOURISM

Tammy Schrecengost, Nancy Raney and Nancy Koger talk about the presentations at the Texas Plains Trail Round-up taking place at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The two-day conference focused on ways to increase tourism throughout Texas communities.

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Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL REECE, 34, of 1919 E. 11th Place, was arrested Thursday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, expired registration, speeding and failure to appear (three counts).
- SHIMEON RASHAD MAGERS, 29, of 1511 Tucson, was arrested Friday on warrants from other agency (x4).
- EDDIE GLENN OVERTON, 20, of 1808 N. CR 1330, was arrested Thursday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL REECE, 34, of 1919 E. 11th Place, was arrested Thursday on charges of evading arrest/detention using vehicle or watercraft, speeding and expired drivers license.
- SHANE ALAN KNOWLTON, 26, of 3101 Sherrod, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for assault: causes bodily injury.
- GUY DAVID SMITH, 54, of 912 Culp in Coahoma, was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication and use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia.
- WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON, 25, of 304 Hoover in Coahoma, was arrested Friday on a charge of use of possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia (two counts) and public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of W. IH 20.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL REECE, 34, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle, speeding and expired drivers license.
- WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON, 25, was arrested Friday by HCSO on a charge of use of possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia and public intoxication.
- GUY DAVID SMITH, 54, was arrested Friday by HCSO on charges of public intoxication and use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia.
- KAYLA MARIE KIRKHAM, 24, was arrested Friday by HCSO on a charge of use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia.
- SHANE ALAN KNOWLTON, 26, was arrested Friday by HCSO on a warrant for assault: causes bodily injury.
- SHIMEON RASHAD MAGERS, 29, was transferred to the county detention center Friday by BSPD on charges of display fictitious license plate (two counts) and failure to appear (two counts).
- JONATHAN BRANDON GLENN, 26, was arrested Thursday on a charge of aggravated kidnapping, driving while license invalid, failure to appear.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of S. Benton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in 400 block of S. Moss Creek Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Ryan Street. Service refused.

Take Note

The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

Baptist Temple Church has set Vacation Bible School for Aug. 11. Sign ups will be from 8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. Class will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided with the closing ceremony from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Parents and family are invited. Vans will run. Call 267-8287 and leave message with name and number for a call back.

Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.

The Compassionate Friends is a grief support group for those who have lost a child. The local chapter will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Please use the doors on the southeast corner of the family life center.

The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours.

Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

Registration of students new to Big Spring Independent School District is being held Mondays through Thursdays at the Student Registration and Records office at the old Goliad Intermediate School, 2000 S. Goliad.

Parents of students who were not registered as of May 25 must register their children before the start of the new school year Aug. 27. Required records include: Student's Social Security number, birth certificate and shot record, as well as parent's driver's license and proof of residency. Call 264-3622 for more information.

An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly ap-

preciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be dropped off at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allan's Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, call Sharon Rich at 432-517-0723.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliances. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. A training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts.

To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

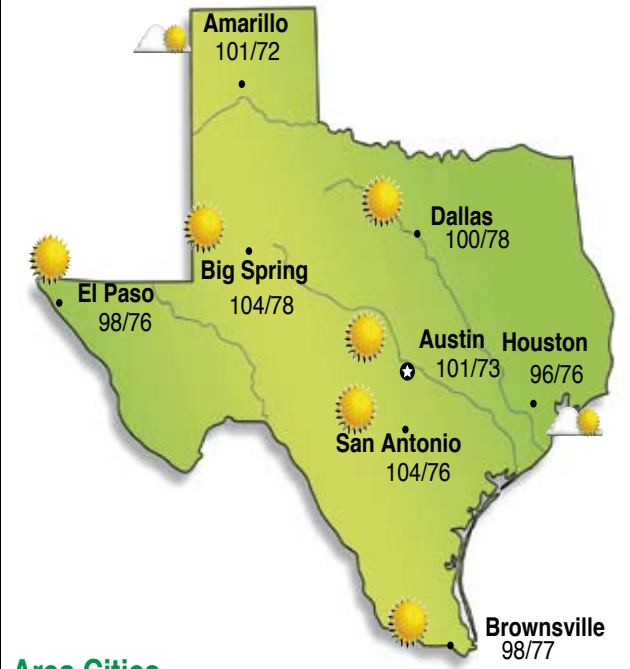
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 8/12	Mon 8/13	Tue 8/14	Wed 8/15	Thu 8/16
104/78 Sunshine. Highs 102 to 106F and lows in the upper 70s.	106/76 Plenty of sun. Highs 104 to 108F and lows in the mid 70s.	99/76 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	101/75 Plenty of sun. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	100/75 Times of sun and clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	78	sunny	Kingsville	102	75	sunny
Amarillo	101	72	pt sunny	Livingston	97	72	mst sunny
Austin	101	73	sunny	Longview	95	74	sunny
Beaumont	93	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	100	74	mst sunny
Brownsville	98	77	sunny	Lufkin	97	75	mst sunny
Brownwood	103	76	sunny	Midland	103	79	sunny
Corpus Christi	98	78	sunny	Raymondville	102	76	sunny
Corsicana	99	75	sunny	Rosenberg	97	75	mst sunny
Dallas	100	78	sunny	San Antonio	104	76	sunny
Del Rio	105	80	sunny	San Marcos	101	74	sunny
El Paso	98	76	sunny	Sulphur Springs	96	76	sunny
Fort Stockton	100	74	sunny	Sweetwater	102	77	sunny
Gainesville	98	75	sunny	Tyler	98	77	sunny
Greenville	97	74	sunny	Weatherford	99	75	sunny
Houston	96	76	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	104	77	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	64	pt sunny	Minneapolis	80	62	mst sunny
Boston	83	71	t-storm	New York	85	71	t-storm
Chicago	79	58	pt sunny	Phoenix	108	86	sunny
Dallas	100	78	sunny	San Francisco	74	58	sunny
Denver	89	61	t-storm	Seattle	78	58	sunny
Houston	96	76	pt sunny	St. Louis	89	69	sunny
Los Angeles	87	68	sunny	Washington, DC	89	72	t-storm
Miami	88	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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Sun 8/12	Mon 8/13	Tue 8/14	Wed 8/15	Thu 8/16
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Program - 7:50 am. Ticket Deadline: August 16, 2012. For more info contact the Chamber at **432-263-7641**
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State briefs

Boy, 4, dies 3 days after saving drowning girl, 3

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 4-year-old boy has died three days after witnesses say he saved a 3-year-old girl from drowning in a North Texas neighborhood pool.

In a statement issued Thursday, Cris and Misty Vento said they had decided to remove their son, Xander Vento, from life support at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. They said they would donate their son's organs.

Xander Vento had been hospitalized since he was removed from a pool on Monday afternoon and lapsed into a coma. Medstar ambulance spokesman Matt Zavadsky says witnesses told paramedics that Xander and a 3-year-old girl were in the pool when the girl started to drown. They said Xander held the struggling girl's head above water until she was safe but became exhausted and slipped below the water's surface.

Multiple wildfires close Texas wildlife refuge

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — An official with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says multiple wildfires have closed a Texas wildlife refuge on the Gulf coast.

Park Ranger Tami Schutter on Friday says four separate fires have started at the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge in the past 12 days with two beginning in the past 48 hours.

Schutter says a lightning strike sparked the initial wildfire Aug. 8. While firefighters battled to suppress it another wildfire ignited after a series of storms passed through the area the next day.

Officials say about 15 firefighters from the wildlife agency and National Park Service are battling the active wildfires.

The refuge will be closed until further notice because of the potential hazards these fires pose.

AWOL soldier gets life term for Fort Hood plot

WACO, Texas (AP) — An AWOL soldier convicted of collecting bomb-making materials for what he told authorities would be a "massive attack" on a Texas restaurant full of Fort Hood troops was sentenced Friday to life in prison.

Army Pfc. Naser Jason Abdo, a Muslim, was planning a religious mission to win "justice" for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, according to a recorded jail conversation with his mother played for jurors at trial.

U.S. District Judge Walter allowed Abdo to represent himself at the sentencing after the 22-year-old told him last

month that he and his attorneys weren't communicating effectively.

A federal jury convicted Abdo in May on six charges, including attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. He was AWOL from Fort Campbell, Ky., when arrested with bomb-making materials last summer at a Fort Hood-area motel.

He also was found guilty of attempted murder of U.S. officers or employees and four counts of possessing a weapon in furtherance of a federal crime of violence.

In a recorded police interview, Abdo said he wanted to carry out the attack "because I don't appreciate what my unit did in Afghanistan." His plan, according to what he told authorities, was to place a bomb in a busy restaurant filled with soldiers, wait outside and shoot anyone who survived — and become a martyr after police killed him.

Thieves stealing 3rd-row seats from Dallas SUVs

UNIVERSITY PARK, Texas (AP) — Police in a wealthy Dallas enclave are reporting a rash of SUV break-ins in which thieves are stealing third-row seats.

University Park police urge SUV owners to park in their garages and lock the seats down with cables.

Police say several third-row SUV seats have been stolen since April with 18 reported last week.

The Dallas Morning News reports that thieves sell the seats to shops, at swap meets and online for hundreds of dollars. They are easily removed to make room for cargo and can be snapped back in for additional seating.

Replacing third-rows can cost more than \$1,500 from automotive dealerships.

Officer Lita Snellgrove says it's a vicious circle because now that so many seats have been stolen there is a high demand for them.

Houston school board OKs \$1.9 billion bond plan

HOUSTON (AP) — Voters will decide in November whether to approve a \$1.9 billion bond package, one of the largest in Texas school history.

The Houston school board endorsed the plan Thursday to rebuild or renovate many of the district's aging schools and upgrade campus technology.

Superintendent Terry Grier has said the measure could transform Houston, remodeling some of the oldest high schools in some of the poorest neighborhoods and rebuilding prestigious magnet schools.

The Houston Chronicle report the trustees' 8-1 vote came after about 60 people spoke, including parents pleading for modern schools and community members complaining that some would be shortchanged.

Melinda Garrett, the district's chief financial officer, says the bond issue would cause the property tax rate to rise by nearly 5 cents with no increase until 2014.

Border agent admits to drunken-driving death

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A U.S. Border Pa-

trol agent has pleaded guilty to intoxication manslaughter in a drunken-driving crash that killed a South Texas man.

Adrian Parada Jr. admitted in court that he was drunk and sending a text message with his cellphone when the three-vehicle crash happened. The Oct. 19 crash killed 21-year-old Abraham Sevilla of La Joya.

The Monitor of McAllen reports Parada remains free on bond pending sentencing scheduled for Aug. 24. He could be sentenced to two to 20 years in prison.

Parada, who's 27, rear-ended Sevilla at an intersection Sunday morning. The collision pushed 21-year-old Sevilla's car into a McAllen police unit. The officer sustained minor injuries.

West Nile emergency declared

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County's top official has declared a public health emergency, saying the spread of the West Nile virus has become epidemic.

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins announced the declaration in a statement issued Thursday night. Jenkins says county officials are doing all they can to fight the spread of the virus but need the public to do their part.

Dallas County health officials have reported 162 West Nile virus cases and nine West Nile deaths so far this year. Mosquitoes pick up the virus from birds they bite and then spread it to people.

The nation's top health officials say more serious illnesses from West Nile virus have been reported so far this year than any since 2004. Most have been in Texas, especially around the Dallas area.

Terrorism expert may testify at Fort Hood trial

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A military judge is considering whether a terrorism expert will testify during the trial of the Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly Fort Hood shooting rampage.

Maj. Nidal Hasan's defense team doesn't want Evan Kohlmann to testify at the court-martial starting in less than two weeks. They say the prosecution doesn't need Kohlmann's testimony or 50-page report on Hasan's case to show a motive or premeditation.

Kohlmann testified via telephone at the pretrial hearing Thursday. He said Hasan meets six factors that indicate someone is a homegrown terrorist — including having three videos on his computer.

Hasan is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 shootings at the Texas Army post.

Texas gas prices up sharply on oil, ethanol costs

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The price for gasoline in Texas has jumped sharply, increasing by 13 cents on what analysts say is pressure from oil prices and a drought-driven boost in the cost of ethanol.

The weekly AAA Texas survey released Thursday said Texans were paying \$3.49 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded. The national average is also up sharply to \$3.66

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has an address in Midland, but has been known to be from Big Spring as well," Smith said.

The Midland County Sheriff's Office and the Big Spring Police Department will likely conduct a joint investigation into the accusations, Smith said.

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BSISD

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to be dealt with," BSISD Transportation Director Wayland Pierce said. "Putting our students' safety as our top priority is where this new plan came from."

After discussions with city and police department representatives, BSISD announced seven new bus stops for the coming year:

- Goliad students living west of Gregg Street can board buses at 15th and Lancaster behind Compass Bank and at Fifth and Abrams near the Boys and Girls Club.
- Goliad students living in Highland South can board a bus which will stop at the intersection of MacCauslan and Highland.
- Kentwood students attending Washington Elementary can board buses at the intersection of McDonald and Larry, Kentwood Apartments, the intersection

of Lynn and Allendale and the intersection of Edgemere and 24th.

In the Moss Elementary attendance zone, a crosswalk will be painted in at Kentucky Way and Birdwell Lane near the Howard College coliseum. In addition, a 20 MPH speed limit will be in effect during school hours on Birdwell from Yale south to Tucson.

The Marcy attendance zone will have no change to its transportation plan, Pierce said.

"All of these changes were made with the safety of our students in mind," he said. "And I can't think the Big Spring city council and police department enough. They were very beneficial in this process."

The new bus stop schedule can be found on the district's web site, www.bsisd.esc18.

net In other business Thursday, trustees:

- Named KBYG as the district's flagship radio station for the coming school year.
- Approved local policy updates and a code of student conduct.
- Appointed Board President Irene Rodriguez as the district's representative to the upcoming Texas Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly.
- Approved to extend a lease agreement with

Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin to allow that firm to continue to hold Head Start classes at the Lakeview campus.

- Accepted donations of \$20,000 from Mike and Shiela Abusaab and \$2,000 from the Cloudbase Foundation. The Abusaab's donation will help finance renovation at Memorial Stadium, while the Cloudbase money will help purchase school supplies.
- Approved the hiring schedule for the coming

school year.

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Lacy Edwards — July Veteran of the Month — for his service to our country while in the Air Force and Navy.

- Anne-Marie, local 14-year-old and Forsan ISD student, for becoming the new face of the American Junior Rodeo Association.

- Life Church members, Walmart, HEB and all others who made the Backpack to School event a success. Around 300 backpacks were given out to area students heading back to school.

- John Weeks for offering his collection of Zenith transoceanic radios to the Heritage Museum for the new exhibit.

- Four new elementaries in Big Spring Independent School District and those who helped in the construction phase as well as teachers, administration, faculty and school board members.

- Area football players and other athletes who have started practicing even though school has yet to begin for the semester.

- Those who support the Veterans Family Fund and offer support to local families.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we watch for blessings from You, Lord,
that brighten our life.

Amen

Who wouldn't go for more? Romney keeps on raising

News alert: Mitt Romney is raising a lot of money. A whole lot. So much that in the past three months, he's been out-raising the incumbent president, which is no easy feat. So much that the chattering class is beginning to wonder whether the president's team has been spending too much too early, as opposed to saving it for later.

What does all this mean? Less than you might think.

As in life, given a choice between having more money and having less, there's hardly a person (apologies to those who take vows of poverty) who would not opt for more. The same is true of campaigns and campaign managers.

But as we all know, the road is littered with miserable rich people and, more to the point, with well-funded and self-funded campaigns that have failed, sometimes rather miserably in the end. How do you spell Ross Perot? Money doesn't buy success, although it certainly can make the trip easier.

And in politics, the fact is that money matters most when that's the only way to get attention. Free media versus paid media, we used to call it. These days, no matter how much money you have, there is more free media out there than paid media. And nowhere is that more true than in a presidential campaign.

Try as you might, in the coming months, you simply are not

going to be able to avoid this presidential choice. Once the Olympics are over, watch out. True, the days of gavel-to-gavel coverage of conventions on the broadcast networks are long gone (along with any vestiges of suspense). But between the 24-hour cable networks, the blogs and the cut-ins even on your favorite shows, you'll be seeing it and hearing it. And yes, just as most of us will tune in for the seventh game of the World Series whether or not we care about either of the teams or even the sport itself, so will we tune in to watch the World Series of politics, which is to say the presidential debates.

A gaffe during one of those — say, looking at your watch, the way George Bush the First did, or dispassionately opposing the death penalty for a man who (hypothetically) raped and killed your beloved wife (that was my candidate, who graciously apologized to me on the stage the second the debate was over) — counts for more than millions and millions of dollars and that many ads. A knockout — "There you go again," said Ronald Reagan — means more than anything you can buy.

I don't mean to suggest for a minute that there haven't been particular ads that have dramatically affected a presidential contest.

The "independently financed" ads denouncing John Kerry's military record and his anti-war activities ("the Swift Boat ads") absolutely mattered. But the amount spent on those ads was your proverbial drop in the bucket compared to all the other stuff the candidates put on in

that race, none of which any of us can remember. Consider this: The 2004 campaign was one in which Kerry, the challenger, out-raised George W. Bush, the incumbent president. Need I remind you who won?

I can cite you chapter and verse about races that literally came out "wrong," and I don't just mean because the candidate I favored lost. I mean races where people literally didn't know who they were voting for, where they elected somebody because his name was John Kennedy, or voted out a highly competent judge with a funny foreign-sounding name in favor of a bagel shop owner with a lapsed bar card. But those tend to be low-profile races.

The farther up the ticket you go the more voters tend to know exactly who they're voting for. The striking thing about presidential races, as important as the money and the handlers and the ads are, is how transparent they end up being.

So give Romney credit for raising all this money? Sure. Worry about an enthusiasm gap for the president? Why not? The chattering class needs something to chatter about.

But will money decide this election?

No.

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Helping making summer memories for your kids

As summer vacation winds down and thoughts of school books and homework start to sneak in, slow down and enjoy the last few weeks before school starts. Connect with your kids and make this summer special with positive memories that will make a difference. Simple activities such as reading a book together, having a picnic, or exploring a park will create memories for you and your children that will last a lifetime.

When parents are involved in their lives, children have a better chance at growing up healthy, happy and well adjusted. Most parents instinctively understand this and do what is needed to provide the foundation for success.

Employees of the Office of the Attorney General, who are charged with ensuring Texas children receive the financial support they need from parents, see the benefits of fathers and mothers being involved in their kids' lives. This starts with regular child support payments. Children depend on child support to provide basic needs like food, shelter, health care and clothing.

Research shows that children who receive regular child support reap other benefits as well, such as making better grades in school, being more likely to finish high school and attend college and even having fewer behavior problems at school. Without a doubt, paying child support is one critical way parents can demonstrate their love for their children.

But, money is only part of the equation. Too often, children would benefit from more involvement from the parent who

pays child support. That is why the Attorney General's Office encourages strong family formation, responsible parenthood and parental involvement through initiatives including:

The Access and Visitation program promotes noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children, when appropriate, through a variety of shared parenting projects. Awarding grant funding to local organizations is one way the Office of the Attorney General can help children whose parents are engaged in custody or visitation disputes, since federal funding to run the child support program cannot be used to handle these issues. The services provided under this grant include early intervention, co-parenting education, mediation and enforcement.

The Access and Visitation Hotline is the only service of its kind in the nation that provides parents with free phone access to attorneys who offer legal information and assistance related to child custody and visitation issues, as well as paternity and child support information. Hotline attorneys do not represent parents. Rather, they provide tools and guidance, and answer parents' questions. The statewide toll-free number, (866) 292-4636, is answered in English and Spanish, Monday – Friday from 1 to 7 p.m. The Hotline has a corresponding website, www.txaccess.org, where parents can download sample materials and tools for assistance with child access issues.

p.a.p.a. (parenting and paternity awareness) is an innovative educational curriculum designed for secondary school students and young adults that teaches the "rights, responsibilities and realities of parenting." Key themes in the curriculum focus on the importance of responsible fatherhood, the value

of paternity establishment, the legal realities of child support, the financial and emotional challenges of single parenting, the benefits of both parents being involved in a child's life, healthy relationship skills and relationship violence prevention.

Thankfully, most parents faithfully carry out their responsibilities to their children, doing such things as paying court-ordered child support each month. All children deserve the security that comes from knowing their parents care enough to make regular child support payments.

Please help make this summer memorable for your kids by paying your child support and being there for them. The Office of the Attorney General hopes you and your family make new memories and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Points to Remember

Parental Involvement
Parents who are involved in their kids' lives:

- Support them financially
- Help them avoid risky behaviors
- Show them they are loved

The Attorney General's Office can help you:

- Locate a noncustodial parent
- Establish your child's paternity
- Establish and enforce child support orders
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- Collect and distribute child support payments
- Learn the responsibilities of parenthood

Call (800) 252-8014 or visit the Attorney General's website at www.TexasAttorneyGeneral.gov to find out more.



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Church News

Spring Creek Fellowship

Homeschool Cooperative and Big Spring Classical Academy will begin this fall, with classes starting Sept. 4. Last day to enroll is Aug. 20. These ministries will provide educational alternatives to Big Spring and the surrounding area. Visit our website at <http://bigspringclassical.org/>.

This month's sermon series is "The Sweet Life." You can listen to recent sermons on our web page at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

A blood drive will be held Saturday, Aug. 25 from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Contact Barbara Harkness or the church office to set up an appointment.

The Ordination of our Associate Minister Lloyd Wells is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26.

Our next youth fundraiser brisket dinner is Sunday, Aug. 26 after worship, before the ordination.

Be watching for the fall Connection Group titles. We expect to kick off after Labor Day.

"Between the Lines" women's ministry next meeting is 6 p.m. Aug. 17. Call the church office for more details.

Our next family movie will be "7 Days in Utopia" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. Nursery is available for age 4 and younger. Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks will be available for the movie. Donations are accepted and go toward youth camp and events.

Spring Creek prayer ministry is at 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the church. Childcare for those 4 years old and younger is available.

Sunday school classes/connection groups meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. until noon.

Wednesdays there is a meal at 5:30 p.m. with Bible study and youth and children's activities at 6 p.m.

Men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell. Contact us at 432-714-4584.

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 911 Goliad. Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, the Rev. Ken McIntosh's message will be "The 10,000 Hour Rule" from Ephesians 4: 25 - 5:2.

Elders will be Paul Smith and Joyce Davis. Deacons will be Marla Rainwater, Ken Johnson, Mary Beth Johnson and Shirley Lee. Worship Leader will be Mariah McIntosh and communion prep will be Marla Rainwater and Shirley Lee. Greeter will be Mary Beth Johnson and homebound communion will be Joyce Davis.

ISAIAH 58 is open at 4:30 p.m. Mondays and 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. until about 11 a.m. we are sorting and cleaning items from Walmart.

Samaritan Counseling takes place Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each week.

For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@yahoo.com

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church LCMS

Our pastor is Lannon Martin. We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. The church phone number is 432-

264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with breakfast treats following and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Vacation Bible School is running until Aug. 26 in conjunction with Sunday school. The key theme for this week is "Jesus Leads Us Home."

David Carlisle will present the readings Sunday. The readings for this week reference once again that "Jesus is the Bread of Life"

A new website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages, this SAFE internet site is something to check out.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Holy Eucharist service is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Mary with evening prayer at 6 Wednesday. An altar guild class will be offered after the evening prayer service.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Forsan Baptist Church

At the conclusion of our study on the fruit of the spirit next Wednesday, we will be studying the Book of Revelation.

As our James study wraps up in the next few weeks on Sunday evenings, we will be studying Revelation on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. This will be a verse-by-verse study of the entire book.

We will have a men's breakfast at the Four Sands Café on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 9 a.m. Men and boys are welcome to come and enjoy a full breakfast and fellowship.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school is at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities have been suspended for the summer, but will resume later this month. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First United Methodist

Vacation Bible School "All Things Are Possible Through God" ended Thursday night. Many thanks to all those who worked tirelessly to bring the story of Christ to our Big Spring children.

Sunday Pastor Bill Ivins will bring the sermon at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services of worship. Vacation

Bible School kids will have a very special part of this week's service.

This week we said goodbye to J.D. Newman, summer intern who will be attending seminary. Our thanks to him for all his hard work with the youth as well other areas of church activities.

Sunday evening our men's ministry will have a barbeque and movie night from 5 to 8 at the Richard Steel home. James Bell will be in the narthex following the morning service so you can sign up for the evening and pick up your three month devotional.

Sunday we will also begin collecting school supplies to help our community schools.

There are many youngsters who will be without the supplies they need

Turning off the noise

We live in a noisy world. TVs blare. Radios blast. Traffic roars. Babies cry. Children laugh. Adults yell. Dogs bark, and door bells ring. Sometimes it is difficult to think because of all the noise that surrounds us. At times the only solution seems to be grabbing a headset so that we can choose our own noise.

We have become so accustomed to noise, though, that we feel uncomfortable with quietness. Total silence forces our minds to engage in mental activity. It nudges us to reflect, evaluate, and plan. Silence and its sibling, stillness, call for listening to the inner voices that we had rather not hear.

In our world of technology, many have become addicted to a new kind of noise. Although it may not be loud, it is a distracting noise. It is the cacophony of cell phone tones, the clicking of keyboards, and the beeping of electronic leashes. It is the compelling combination of habit and the need to be in touch with or perhaps control others.

I recently read the account of a blogger who turned off all of his electronic devices to go on vacation. At first the experience was traumatic. He went through some

withdrawal symptoms because the practice of checking his business and social media accounts was so ingrained in his daily routine. He described his experience as a total digital detoxification.

After the first day of withdrawal from gadgetry, the blogger discovered that he enjoyed solitude. In his two weeks of vacation, he read several books, did some Bible reading and meditation, and kept a journal.

Without the continuous barrage of self-induced interruptions, the writer went home feeling relaxed and productive.

He had learned an important lesson about the use of time and the value of quietness.

Of course the professional blogger resumed his use of electronic devices as soon as he got home, but he viewed them differently. He now saw them as tools at his disposal instead of instruments contrived to control his time by promoting procrastination.

In His wisdom, God knew that His people, regardless of when and where they lived, would always be tempted by noise and activity. He instructed the psalmist to write, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Perhaps we all need to turn off the noise and stop the activity in our lives so that we can be still and listen to what God is saying to us.

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BONNIE WHEAT

unless we make them available. If you don't have time to shop, a monetary donation will work just fine.

Sunday, Aug. 26 is Kick-off Sunday. Wear your favorite school colors and stay for the tail gate dinner in Garrett Hall following the late service.

First United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry Streets in the heart of downtown Big Spring. Our website is www.fumcbs.org.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church will be going into a new series for the month of August; "BE Encouraged!" Last week we learned the "Power of Encouraging Yourself"; taken from 1 Samuel 30:6. Sunday we will continue our series. This week our title will be "The Power of Encouraging Future See CHURCH, Page 7A

You deserve a factual look at . . .

Arabian Fables (II)

More fanciful Arab myths to sway world opinion.

Earlier this year, we published our message, "Arabian Fables (I)," in which we made clear how the Arab propaganda machine creates myths and lies with which to misinform the world. We discussed the myths of the "Palestinians" and of the "West Bank" and the mythical concept of "occupied territories". In today's message, we shall address three more of these myths.

What are some of these myths?

Jerusalem ("Arab East Jerusalem"). The Arabs have assiduously propagated the myths that Jerusalem is an Arab capital, that (after Mecca and Medina) Jerusalem is their third holy city, and that it is intolerable to them that infidels (Jews) are in possession of it.

The reality of course is that Jerusalem was never an Arab capital and that it was, until the Jews revitalized it, a dusty provincial city that hardly played any economic, social, or political role. Jerusalem is mentioned hundreds of times in the Jewish Bible and has been the center of the Jewish faith and the focus of Jewish longing ever since the Romans destroyed the Temple in the early years of the first millennium. Not once is Jerusalem mentioned in the Koran.

As to "East Jerusalem": There is East Saint Louis, there is East Hampton, and there used to be East Berlin, but, until the Arab propaganda machine created the concept, there was never in history an "East Jerusalem", let alone an "Arab East Jerusalem".

The eastern part of Jerusalem is now predominantly inhabited by Arabs, though their proportion is decreasing. But what is the reason for this? It is because the Jordanians destroyed all traces of Jewish presence from the eastern part of the city and drove all the Jews out during the 19 years (between 1948 and 1967) in which they were in occupation of the eastern part of the city. The world, informed by Arab propaganda, considers those Jews who wish to return to the eastern part of the city to be troublemakers or worse.

The concept of Jerusalem being a holy Arab city and the capital of whatever political entity the "Palestinians" may eventually form is a myth and so of course is the concept of "Arab East Jerusalem".

"Settlements." When Jordan came into possession of Judea/Samaria and the eastern part of Jerusalem, following the invasion of the newly-formed Jewish state, and stayed in occupation for 19 years, it systematically obliterated all Jewish villages in the area under their occupation, drove out the Jewish inhabitants, and left the area "judenrein" (free of Jews)—the first time that concept had been applied since the Nazis created it during their short and bloody reign in Germany. When the Israelis recovered these territories, they rebuilt these villages, created new ones, and built new towns

and suburbs to existing cities, especially Jerusalem. The Arabs decided to call these towns and villages "settlements", with their connotation of illegitimacy and impermanence. The world, including the United States, is much agitated over these population centers and, goaded by the Arabs, declares them to be impediments to peace. What nonsense! Nobody considers the tens of thousands of Arabs who continue to stream to these territories as impediments to peace.

The term "settlements", too, is a propaganda myth created by the Arabs.

"Refugees." In 1948, when six Arab armies invaded the Jewish state in order to destroy it on the very day of its birth, broadcasts by the advancing Arab armies appealed to the resident Arabs to leave their homes so as not to be in the way of the invaders. As soon as the "quick victory" was won, they could return to their homes and would also enjoy the loot from the Jews, who would have been driven into the sea. It didn't turn out quite that way. Those Arabs who, despite the urgings of the Jews to stay and to remain calm, foolishly left, became refugees. Those who decided not to yield to those blandishments are now, and have been for over 60 years, citizens of Israel, with all the same rights and privileges as their Jewish fellows.

But what happened to those refugees—by best estimates about 600,000 of them? Did their "Arab brethren" allow them to settle in their countries, to work, and to become productive citizens and useful members of their societies? No! They kept and still keep them, their children, their grandchildren, and in some cases even their great-grandchildren, in miserable "refugee camps", so that they can be used as political and military pawns in order to keep the burning hatred against Israel alive and in order to supply the manpower for the unremitting fight against Israel.

During those more than sixty years, Israel has taken in more than three million Jewish immigrants from all parts of the world and has integrated them productively into its society. According to the "Palestinians", the Arab "refugees" have now marvelously increased to five million (!). It is the intent and fervent desire of the Arabs that all of them should return to Israel so as to destroy the country without the necessity of war. The "refugees" are a red herring and another myth created by the Arab propaganda machine.

The Arab propaganda machine, aided by the most high-powered public relations firms in the United States and all over, has created myths that, by dint of constant repetition, have been accepted as truth by much of the world. No sensible discussion, no peace in the Middle East, is possible until those Arab myths have been exposed for what they are.

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Spiritual myopia

Myopia. I learned the word when I was 10 years old from the optometrist who checked my eyes and told my parents that I was nearsighted. I didn't know I was nearsighted. I thought everyone saw everything the way I saw it.

Trees were green blobs, the landscape blurred into blotches of pink, green, brown and blue, like an Impressionist painting. (Maybe Monet was near sighted and created Impressionism by painting what he saw.)

I have to admit I wondered how other kids could catch and hit a baseball. I never saw the ball until it was on top of me. I could see some vague arm motion in the distance and then, wham! The ball was in my face.

My first pair of glasses changed my world. I discovered leaves on trees. I could see people's faces inside their cars. I could read the blackboard from the back of the room.

As a teenager, I became the cleanup hitter on the all stars, and could catch a fly ball over my shoulder while galloping toward the centerfield fence like Joe DiMaggio. When I returned to the dugout, I heard the coach say, "I always knew if he could see it he could catch it."

Myopia is not only physical. It is spiritual. We are all born spiritually nearsighted. Like my childhood years, we think we see things clearly, but we don't. We are unaware of what we don't see.

The only person who ever had perfect vision was Jesus. That is why He said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness ... if anyone walks in the night he stumbles because the light is not in him." (John 8:12; 11:10)

When the prophet Elisha and his servant were surrounded by an enemy army at Dothan, the servant was gripped with fear. But Elisha told him, "Do not fear. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

When God opened the servant's eyes, he saw that "the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." (2 Kings 6) When we are gripped with fear and despair we need God to open our eyes so we can see clearly. "If God be for us," Paul said, "who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

Jesus once met a blind man in the village of Bethsaida. Jesus laid His hands upon him and asked him, "Do you see anything?"

The man responded, "I see people; they look like trees walking around. Once more," the Bible says, "Jesus put His hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened ... and he saw everything clearly." (Mark 8:22-25)

Many of us are like that blind man. We may be religious. We may attend church. But we need a "second touch" from God so that we can see clearly.

We are born with spiritual nearsightedness so that we only see things close up, our own self interests. As a result we are often filled with fear, doubt, anger, resentment and despair.

When we turn from our sins and place our faith in Christ, He is able to touch us so that we see clearly and walk in the light. Only Christ can cure the spiritual myopia that afflicts us from birth and enable us to see the world as God sees it.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com

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Leaders." CCC annual back-to-school weekend event. The "B.T.S. Picnic" will be Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park from 2-4 p.m.

Join us for the "Annual Back-To-School" worship service Sunday, Aug. 26 at 10:30 a.m. as we pray over all the ISD's leadership and students throughout Howard County as they return back to the classroom.

We meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services. We are located at 706 E. 12th Street. For office hours or more information, contact us at 264-0015 or visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The chancel choir practices at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Communion servers last Sunday were Kay and Danny Kennemur and Lucy and Paschal Odom. Ushers were Lisa Zap, Chris Grisham, Glen Burch

St. Paul receives thanks from First Strike Ministries

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Staff Writer

The size of the congregation makes no difference when the hearts are big.

St. Paul Lutheran Church — comprised of about 50 members — was presented with an opportunity to support the First Strike Ministries mission project and came through in bigger ways than Pastor Don Rosentreter could have imagined.

"I know our congregation is very generous and mission-minded, but I was truly overwhelmed with the response," Pastor Rosentreter said.

The idea to offer support for First Strike Ministries came after Pastor Rosentreter met Terry Wilson with First Strike at a Texas Arms of Love conference. The meeting was held by First Strike Ministries and Honor Our Troops. Upon his arrival from the conference, the opportunity was presented to offer the Sunday school collections for two months to the project.

"Pastor Don has a heart for missions and for those in the military," Bruce School-

er, member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, said. "We also have lots of retired military as well as families with someone in active duty in our congregation."

During the two-month collection time, St. Paul Lutheran Church raised \$1,500 to send in support of the project. The funds will be used to make kits for ex-military and retired, as well as for those who are still currently serving.

"Imagine our surprise to find the envelope in our mailbox. We are grateful for the donation of \$1,500 and your commitment to see lost service men and women come to Christ, a burden we share deeply," Terry Wilson wrote in a thank you letter to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

"I know this offering is not without personal sacrifice, thank you."

First Strike Ministries has started compiling these kits after researching and finding statistics showing the second highest cause of death for active military is suicide, the first being combat fatalities.

"The kits include devotional

materials, Bibles and other items to be used by Christian counselors and therapists for those dealing with post-traumatic stress (PTSD)," Schooler said.

Wilson also stated, "We have taken the exact methods and tools they use and designed two kits, one for the troops and one for veterans ... We believe these kits used properly can make a real difference, trusting God to bring healing to many broken lives."

St. Paul Lutheran Church members will more than likely, according to Rosentreter and Schooler, keep this particular mission in their support area.

"Knowing that First Strike is not only addressing their physical needs, but also their spiritual needs, is another reason we are supporting them," Schooler said.

For those wanting to offer support or find out more about the ministry, visit the website at firststrikeministries.org.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Briefs

Blurry glasses keep women out of sight

JERUSALEM (AP) — It's the latest prescription for extreme ultra-Orthodox Jewish men who shun contact with the opposite sex: Glasses that blur their vision, so they don't have to see women they consider to be immodestly dressed.

In an effort to maintain their strictly devout lifestyle, the ultra-Orthodox have separated the sexes on buses, sidewalks and other public spaces in their neighborhoods. Their interpretation of Jewish law forbids contact between men and women who are not married.

Walls in their neighborhoods feature signs exhorting women to wear closed-necked, long-sleeved blouses and long skirts. Extremists have accosted women they consider to have flouted the code.

The ultra-Orthodox community's unofficial "modesty patrols" are selling glasses with special blur-inducing stickers on their lenses.

and Tom Koger.

Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

Covenant Sunday school class began Unit III of God's Call for Justice with a lesson from Psalm 146, with the remaining lessons from Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. John Ferguson and Max Green are the leaders.

The Discovery Class continues their DVD study of Isaiah by Dr. Mickey Efird, Presbyterian minister and former professor at Duke University Divinity School.

Nancy Little is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Liturgist for August is Jennifer Patterson. Ushers for the remainder of the month are Janie and Dick Conley and Christine and Don Boling.

The lectionary is II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31:33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51. The choir will offer the anthem "The Tree of Life" by K. Lee Scott and "Out of the Depths (Psalm 130)," arranged by Paul Manz for the offertory. The Rev. Bob Zap, retired pastor from Andrews, will be the guest preacher.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website at www.fpcbs.org.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Coahoma Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 7:00 pm, August 21, 2012 _____ in _____ Board Room, Administration Building, 600 N. Main _____ Coahoma, Texas 79511 _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$.23	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	4.71	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	4.71	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 479,533,591.00	\$ 564,897,188.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 2,176,686.00	\$ 1,209,770.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 406,243,917.00	\$ 485,583,463.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,843,467.00	\$ 1,003,141.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 13,379,603.20

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.23 *	\$ 1.27	\$ 6781	\$ 3066
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.00	\$.19562 *	\$ 1.19562	\$ 7364	\$ 2684
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.20 *	\$ 1.24	\$ 7637	\$ 2897

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 53,088.00	\$ 61,056.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 27,470.00	\$ 33,845.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.24
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 348.87	\$ 419.68
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 70.81

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is _____ 1.04 _____. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of _____ 1.04 _____.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,200,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 237,000.00

National/world news in brief

Looking to gain ground, Romney lambastes Obama on host of issues

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — For months, Mitt Romney has had one main focus — bludgeoning President Barack Obama on the economy.

Now, the Republican presidential candidate has started poking at Obama from all sides as he looks to gain ground. In recent days, Romney has criticized Obama in TV ads and speeches on topics that include farm policy, transparency, military voting rights, welfare reform and religious freedom.

“Who shares your values?” a new Romney ad asks — and suggests that Obama doesn’t.

Republicans have spent weeks complaining both publicly and privately that Romney’s economy-only focus wouldn’t be enough to overtake Obama and that the certain GOP nominee needed to broaden his criticism.

Specifically, these Republicans have been pressing Romney to go after Obama in areas that resonate with party loyalists as the close contest approaches its final push — the sprint from the Republican National Convention later this month to the election in November.

Thousands expected at funerals for 6 Sikh victims of white supremacist

OAK CREEK, Wis. (AP) — Thousands of mourners were expected to gather Friday morning to pay their final respects to the six worshippers gunned down by a white supremacist at their Sikh temple over the weekend.

Organizers initially allocated two hours for a wake and visitation at a nearby high school. But they added two hours to accommodate both mourners from around the world and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder as a last-minute speaker.

The service will include prayers and hymns. Afterward mourners plan to return to the temple and begin a traditional rite called “akhand path,” a ceremony that involves a series of priests reading their holy book aloud from cover to cover. The process, which takes 48 hours, is intended to honor the memories of the six victims.

“We want to pay homage to the spirits who are still in there,” said Harpreet Singh, the nephew of one of the victims.

Other dignitaries expected to attend the funeral include Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan.

Gas prices expected to increase in Calif. as investigators wait to enter fire damaged refinery

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Analysts expect West Coast gas prices to rise beyond \$4 a gallon after a fire knocked out a key section of one of the nation’s largest oil refineries.

Meanwhile, the same U.S. Chemical Safety Board team that investigated the oil spill in the Gulf Of Mexico was standing by with state and company inspectors waiting for structural and environmental tests to see if it was safe to enter the unit.

In all, five separate investigations will be done to determine the cause and effects of the Monday night blaze at Chevron’s Richmond refinery.

“This is an important accident in its own right, it was a large fire and has the potential to affect fuel supplies and prices,” said Dr. Daniel Horowitz, a member of the chemical board.

The average price of regular gasoline jumped in California from \$3.86 a gallon on Tuesday to \$3.94 on Thursday, according to the website GasBuddy.com.

Consumer agency advances rule to protect mortgage borrowers from unexpected costs, bad service

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government’s consumer lending watchdog proposed new rules Friday aimed at protecting homeowners from unexpected costs and shoddy service by companies that collect their monthly mortgage payments.

Mortgage servicing companies would be required to provide clear monthly billing statements, warn borrowers before interest rate hikes and actively help them

avoid foreclosure under the proposal by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The rules also require companies to credit people’s payments promptly, swiftly correct errors and keep better internal records.

“The major failures in this industry demonstrate that all servicers need to meet basic standards of good customer service,” CFPB Director Richard Cordray said in a call with reporters. He said the proposal reflects “two basic, common-sense standards — no surprises and no runarounds.”

Mortgage servicers are central players in the nationwide housing crisis because they are responsible for foreclosing on homes when people fail to make payments. They have faced withering criticism for practices including charging excessive fees, foreclosing without completing the required paperwork and failing to help people stay in their homes by changing their loan terms.

Under the rules, companies would be required to provide billing statements that explain how much of a payment is going to pay down principal, how much to interest and how much to fees. If an interest rate was set to adjust, the borrower would receive an early estimate of the new payment amount. That would allow people to consider refinancing if they don’t like the new rates.

3 American troops killed by man wearing Afghan army uniform, U.S. command says

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A man in an Afghan army uniform shot and killed three American service members on Friday morning in southern Afghanistan, the U.S. military command said, the third attack on coalition forces by their Afghan counterparts in a week. The Taliban claimed the shooter joined the insurgency after the attack.

The shooting took place in Sangin district of Helmand province, said U.S. military spokeswoman Maj. Lori Hodge. She gave no details and said the military were investigating.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi said by telephone that the attacker, whom he identified as a member of Helmand police named Asadullah, had joined the insurgency after his attack.

Ahmadi said the man had been helping U.S. forces train the Afghan Local Police troops.

The U.S. is hoping the Afghan Local Police will be a key force to fight the insurgency after most international troops withdraw.

U.S. Catholic nuns at national meeting consider response to Vatican rebuke, demand for reform

ST. LOUIS (AP) — At a pivotal national meeting, members of the largest group for American nuns have been weighing whether they should accept or challenge a Vatican order to reform.

The national assembly is the first since a Vatican review concluded the Roman Catholic sisters had tolerated dissent about the all-male priesthood, birth control and homosexuality, while remaining nearly silent in the fight against abortion. Officials at the Holy See want a full-scale overhaul of the organization under the authority of U.S. bishops.

The 900 sisters at this week’s meeting in St. Louis “are asking God to show us to the next best step we can take,” said Sister Mary Waskowiak, director of development for the Mercy International Association in Burlingame, Calif. The executives of the group have called the Vatican report flawed.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious represents about 80 percent of the 57,000 American sisters. The rebuke from the Holy See, issued in April, prompted an outpouring of support for the sisters nationwide, including parish vigils, protests outside the Vatican embassy in Washington and a resolution in Congress commending the sisters for their service to the country. A spokeswoman for the nuns group said Thursday they had received more than 1,500 cards from supporters from around the world, some of which were placed on tables at the meeting.

“Thank you for all you do to support the needy and underserved in our world,” read one.

Conservation agency seeks local input

Special to the Herald

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District and the Local Working Group invite the public to their annual Conservation Stakeholder’s Meeting at 4 p.m., Aug. 20 at the Big Spring USDA Service Center located at 302 West IH20, Suite 101.

Each year, the Local Working Group hosts a public meeting to determine the resource concerns and needs of the area and how to best address those needs. The NRCS and its local conservation partner, the Howard SWCD, provide agriculture producers with professional consultation and financial assistance through Farm Bill conservation programs to apply conservation practices on their land that address soil erosion and health, water quality and quantity issues, as well as wildlife habitat. The Local Working Group includes community agricultural producers, professionals representing agricultural and natural resource interests, and individuals representing a variety of disciplines in the soil, water, wetland, plant and wildlife sciences who are familiar with agricultural and natural resource issues.

All landowners and land managers in Howard County are encouraged to attend and participate in this meeting. This open-discussion public meeting will focus on identifying area natural resource concerns that can be addressed using conservation programs and activities.

“Effective conservation stems from a locally led process,” said Eddy Spurgin, NRCS District Conservationist for Howard County. “The Howard County NRCS office operates on the concept that local residents best understand local issues and are the key to solving problems.”

“Our Conservation Stakeholders Meeting gives everyone the opportunity to decide how the assistance from the NRCS and Farm Bill funds can be most beneficial for our community,” Spurgin added.

Through the Howard SWCD, the Local Working Group will provide recommendations to the NRCS District Conservationist on local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs planning for the upcoming fiscal year. These issues will be especially important in decisions made for financial assistance when implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This program is administered by the NRCS and provides incentive payments for the installation of several conservation practices on eligible participant’s land. The information gathered from these meetings will be used to help carry out the EQIP and other programs in 2013.

While the NRCS brings the technical expertise and Farm Bill funding to the table, the goods and services are delivered through the local SWCD board. SWCDs are local units of government made up of five members elected by the public. Their office is usually co-located with the NRCS office. Members of SWCD Boards are actively engaged in farming and ranching.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call or visit the NRCS office in the USDA Service Center, Big Spring, Texas, at 432-267-1817, ext. 3.

Judge decides killer doesn’t deserve new trial

DALLAS (AP) — A judge has rejected a condemned Texas man’s claim that he deserves a new trial because of the relationship between his court-appointed attorney and the judge who initially heard his case.

State District Judge Louis Sturns of Fort Worth issued an opinion this week

recommending that the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals not grant a new trial for Stephen Barbee, who was convicted six years ago of killing his pregnant ex-girlfriend and her 7-year-old son.

The opinion comes six months after Sturns presided over a two-day hearing dealing with Barbee’s

claim that his trial attorney, William H. Ray, performed ineffectively because of a “secret deal” with the trial judge, Bob Gill, to move cases quickly. Barbee made the claim after learning that Gill, unlike other judges, routinely negotiated plea agreements in probation revocation cases without input from

prosecutors and that Ray represented defendants in many of those cases.

Barbee contended that the arrangement created a conflict of interest that tainted his case.

Barbee’s lead post-conviction attorney, A. Richard Ellis, said Thursday that he had yet to receive the decision.



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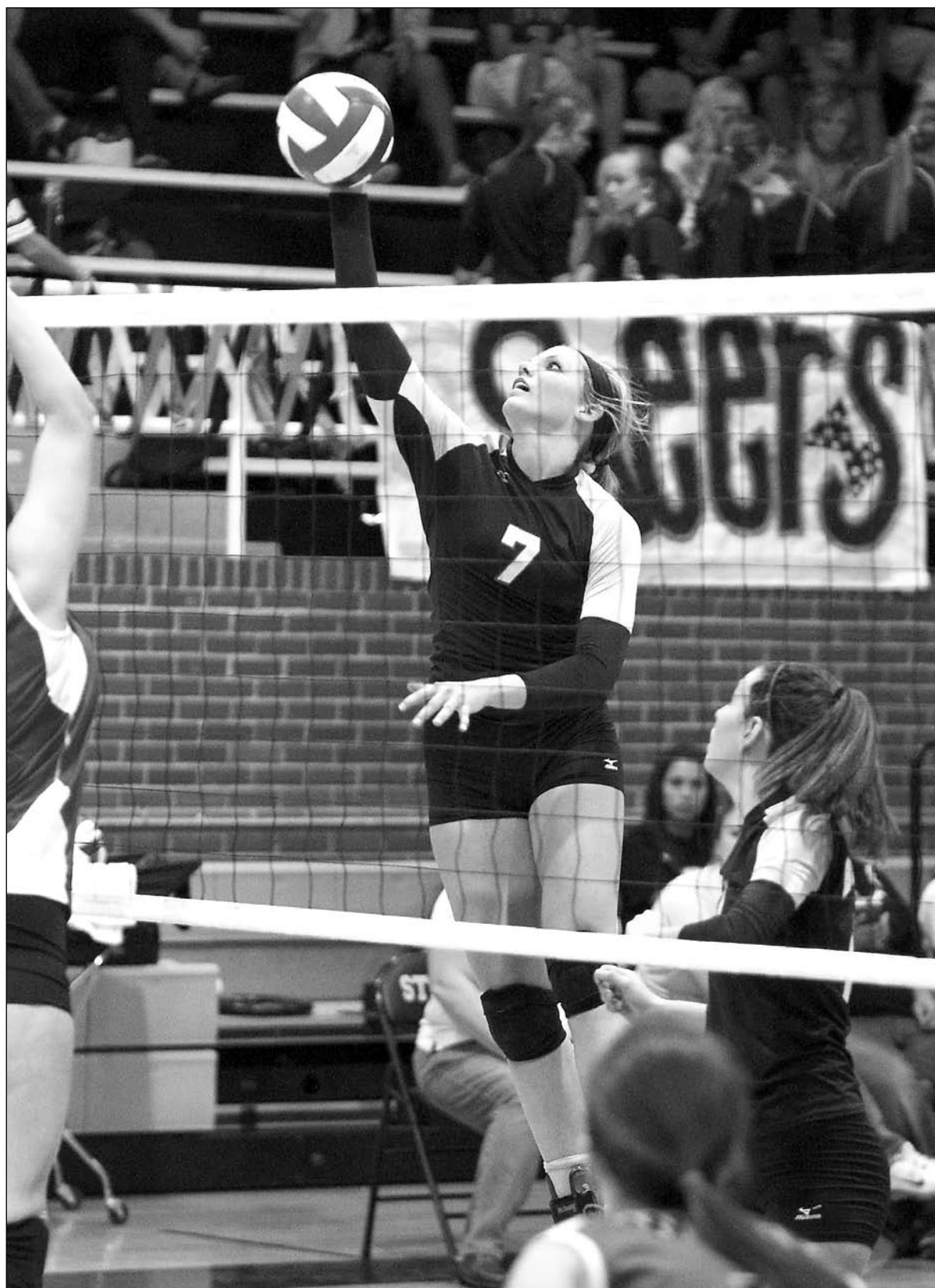
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- Aug. 17-18 — Bev Ball Classic Tournament - Abilene, (V), TBA.
- Aug. 17-18 — Sweetwater Tournament, (F, JV), TBA.
- Aug. 21 — Lubbock High/Andrews, (F, 4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.); JV, 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m., V, 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.)
- Aug. 24-25 — At Granbury Tournament (V), TBA.
- Aug. 28 — Grape Greek (F and JV, 5 p.m.; V, 6 p.m.).
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1 — At Seminole Tournament (V), TBA.
- Sept. 4 — Frenship/Amarillo High at Frenship (F and JV, 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.; V, 4:40 p.m. & 5:45 p.m.)
- Sept. 8 — Lubbock Cooper, (V, 10 a.m.).
- Sept. 8 — At Lamesa Tournament, (JV, TBA).
- Sept. 11 — Midland Christian, (F and JV, 5 p.m.; V, 6 p.m.).
- Sept. 15 — Seminole/Andrews/ Sterling City/ Water Valley, (F, JV, V, games start at 10 a.m.).
- Sept. 18 — Lubbock Estacado/Water Valley (F, JV, V, first games start at 4:30 p.m.).
- *Sept. 22 — Greenwood, (F and V, 5 p.m.; JV, 6:30 p.m.).
- *Sept. 25 — At Wylie, (F and JV, 5 p.m.; V, 6 p.m.).
- *Sept. 29 — At Sweetwater, (F, noon; JV, 1 p.m.; V, 2 p.m.).
- *Oct. 2 — Monahans, (F and JV, 5 p.m.; V, 6 p.m.)
- *Oct. 5 — Snyder, (V and F, 5 p.m.; JV, 6:30 p.m.)
- *Oct. 9 — At Greenwood, (F and JV, 5 p.m.; V, 6 p.m.)
- *Oct. 12 — Wylie, (V and F, 5 p.m.; JV, 6:30 p.m.).
- *Oct. 16 — Sweetwater, (F and JV, 5 p.m.; V, 6 p.m.).
- *Oct. 19 — At Snyder, (V and F, 5 p.m.; JV, 6:30 p.m.).
- *Oct. 23 — At Monahans, (F and JV, 5 p.m.; V, 6 p.m.).

*Denotes district match

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com



Volleyball season kicks off tonight as the Big Spring High School Lady Steers open play with a scrimmage in San Angelo. HERALD file photo

Dwight Howard L.A. deal awaiting league approval

Dwight Howard's departure from Orlando is nearly complete.

The All-Star center could be a member of the Los Angeles Lakers as Friday, pending NBA approval of a four-team, eight-player trade also involving Denver and Philadelphia.

A person familiar with the details says a conference call has been set up Friday with team representatives and league officials.

Teams are required to get league approval once they have agreed upon the terms of a deal.

Multiple reports on Thursday said Howard would go to the Lakers, ending months of talks

between the Magic and numerous in trying to grant his request to leave Orlando.

Philadelphia would get All-Star center Andrew Bynum from Los Angeles and Jason Richardson from Orlando, while Denver would get 76ers All-Star Andre Iguodala, playing for the U.S. men's basketball team Friday in the Olympics semifinals against Argentina.

Howard had asked for a trade to Brooklyn, but Orlando to Brooklyn, work out a deal, but was determined to move their disgruntled big man who told the Magic he wanted out even before the 2010 season started.

Astros' loss to Nats makes it 34 losses in 38 games

HOUSTON (AP) — Make no mistake about it: The Houston Astros are tired of losing.

Perhaps no one expressed that sentiment better after their latest defeat Thursday night than infielder Marwin Gonzalez.

"How can everyday be the same?" Gonzalez pondered on his Twitter account.

He asked the same question in Spanish seconds later, for good measure.

Losing is getting old, indeed, for the Astros, who were shut out for the 11th time this season in a 5-0 loss to the surging Washington Nationals.

Astros starter Lucas Harrell, who lasted five innings.

Brett Wallace went 3 for 4 with a double and Justin Maxwell led a solid defensive effort with a pair of outstanding catches in center field.

But the Astros mustered little at the plate against Jordan Zimmermann and the NL East leaders, who completed a four-game sweep. The Nationals have won six straight and eight of nine.

Michael Morse homered twice while extending his hitting streak to a career-best 18 games, the longest active string in the majors, and

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Jamaican star Usain Bolt: 'I'm a legend now'

LONDON (AP) — As far as Usain Bolt is concerned, it's a done deal.

"I'm a legend now," he said.

But these Olympics aren't quite finished. And neither is he.

With the 200-meter gold medal in his pocket after a winning run of 19.32 seconds Thursday night, The World's Fastest Man now gets ready for the 4x100 relay. If he can lead the Jamaicans to a victory there, he'll be 3 for 3 at these Olympics, same way he was in Beijing four years ago.

He'll likely get a day off Friday for the preliminaries, then head back to the track Saturday for the final — his last chance to set a world record, the only thing to elude him over a very fast week at the London Olympics.

The record mark is 37.10 seconds, the third of three records Bolt set, or helped set, at the Beijing Games.

"I think there's a possibility," Bolt said. "But you can never really say it, because it's a relay and there's a baton. You never know. But for me, we're going to go out, enjoy ourselves, run fast as possible. It would be a good way to close the show again."

What a show he put on Thursday night.

Bolt opened the night, during introductions, by giving a royal wave to the 80,000 fans at Olympic

Stadium on hand to see some history.

Then, he ran a race fit for a king.

Burning off the starting line, he took an early lead, then powered around the curve. By the time he reached the straightaway, only Jamaican teammate Yohan Blake had any chance to catch him. Blake actually closed the gap for a moment, but then Bolt reached back and found that fastest gear — the one that has helped him become the first man to win the Olympic 100-200 double twice.

Blake finished second in 19.44 seconds and Warren Weir completed the Jamaican sweep, winning bronze in 19.84.

"The guy is just on another planet right now," Wallace Spearmon, the American who finished fourth, said between sobs of disappointment.

Bolt was comfortably ahead at the finish, so much so that he was able to slow down, put his left finger to his mouth and tell everyone to shush. It was less than six weeks ago that Bolt lost twice to Blake at Jamaica's Olympic trials and the world wondered if Bolt's days of dominating were over.

"That was for all that people that doubted me, all the people that was talking all kinds of stuff that I wasn't going to do it, I was going to be beaten," Bolt said. "I was just telling them: You can stop

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College football 2012 season sees 28 new head coaches

The job has never been more difficult. The rewards have never been greater.

As for job security, let's just say it's best to have a real estate agent on speed dial.

But even if it's only for a few years, the chance to run a major college football program is an opportunity just about any coach would take.

"It's tougher because we're being held accountable and responsible for these young men 24 hours a day," said South Florida's Skip Holtz, the son of Hall of Fame coach Lou Holtz who is entering his 14th year as a head coach.

"We're held to a higher standard academically. We're being asked to win. And win now. We're not quite as patient as we once were. So I think it's changed a little bit. I don't think it's for the bad. I think if you're the head coach, you should be held responsible for those things."

This season, 28 of the 124 schools that play in the Football Bowl Subdivision will have a new man being held responsible for the program, including Penn State, where Bill O'Brien takes a job the late Joe Paterno held for 46 years and then lost in the Jerry Sandusky scandal.

That list also includes big names returning to the sideline, such as Urban Meyer at Ohio State, Rich Rodriguez at Arizona and Mike Leach at Washington State.

Meyer's six-year deal with the Buckeyes pays almost \$4.5 million annually, the most among the 28 coaches starting new jobs. At the other end is former Notre Dame assistant Charley Molnar, who will make \$250,000 to lead Massachusetts in its first season as an FBS program.

Former Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis is getting a second chance to lead a program at Kansas. Terry Bowden is finally

back in major college football 19 years after he was pushed out at Auburn, though Akron is a long way from the Southeastern Conference.

Kevin Sumlin took his rising star from Houston to Texas A&M, where he'll lead the Aggies into the SEC.

Getting their first crack at leading a program are several well-regarded assistants, including Gus Malzahn at Arkansas State and Paul Chryst at Pittsburgh.

The 46-year-old Chryst, a longtime offensive coordinator who was previously at Wisconsin, said he was never in a rush to become a head coach.

"I never felt like I needed to get that to define me," he said. "You always want to prepare yourself if that opportunity ever presents itself. But at the same time (it) wasn't going to create any stress in my life that I'm not getting it."

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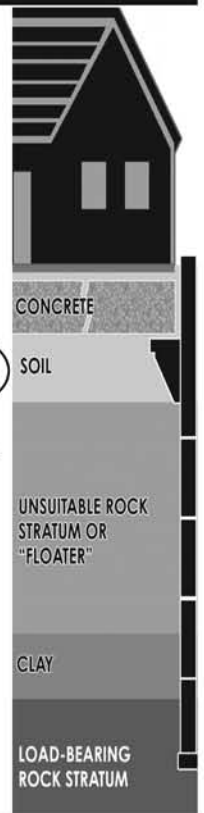
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~ Dear Margo ~

A Very Odd Way To Leave a Family

Dear Margo: I have just begun an entirely new stage in my life and am feeling caught between the old and the new. First of all, I married very young (at 21), three months into an accidental pregnancy. I stayed with my husband for 16



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years while we raised our son, although my husband and I never got along as well as we did prior to our marriage.

After we married, there was virtually no romance and very little sex. I dropped out of college to get married, which I regret to this day.

Last winter, I met a man through a friend and became infatuated. I had an affair with him for four months before I found out I was pregnant again. He wouldn't hear of ending the pregnancy.

I didn't know what else to do, so I left my husband

Burglars don't care if door belongs to man or mutt

By SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A burglar will use any open door — front, back, side, garage or doggy.

Deanna Souza was sleeping in her Northern California home on March 1 when her doorbell rang. Zoe, her 4-pound Yorkie, started barking. The bell rang again. Zoe was making such a fuss that Souza went to see who was there. Through her blinds, she saw a woman heading for the back yard while putting on rubber gloves.

When the doggy door in her sliding glass door started rattling, Souza called 911 and hid in a closet. Zoe ran and hid under a bed. Police arrived and arrested the woman — wedged in the doggy door.

The FBI says there was one burglary in the United States every 14.6 seconds in 2010. The agency doesn't compile statistics on method of entry, but experts agree doggy doors are relatively low on the list, since not every house has one, they are usually small and a crook can't be sure what might be on the other side.

"If the door is big enough for a Lab or mastiff, I'm not sure I would want to crawl through it," said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a professor at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and director of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. "But some idiots even try to come down the chimney."

Recent accounts make that case. On May 7, just days after NFL linebacker Junior Seau's suicide, a man squeezed through the doggy door at his Oceanside, Calif., home and walked out the garage door with a \$500 bicycle, police Lt. Leonard Mata said.

In East Bethel, Minn., a teenager was caught using a doggy door to steal money and valuables from her neighbor so she could support a porn addiction, said Laura Landes, crime prevention specialist with the Anoka County Sheriff's Department.

Souza, a dispatcher for the California Highway Patrol, still has the same doggy door because Zoe needs it. "If someone really wanted in, they could just break the glass," she said. Still, police, retailers and pet owners say you can

replace, renovate or reduce your doggy door to dissuade intruders — human and animal.

• REPLACE IT: There are options whether you want to spend \$10, \$100 or over \$1,000.

There are all-screen doors with magnets that slide back into place, electronic doors with locking mechanisms, wall entry doors, bullet-proof doors, extreme weather doors, aluminum doors and panels for patio doors, said Jodi Liddle, merchandising and purchasing manager for Wisconsin-based Drs. Foster and Smith.

Honeywell Security Group's Total Connect app will monitor a pet door, sending an alert to a homeowner's phone or pad saying the door is being accessed, said Rob Puric, director of Honeywell's product management for residential systems. If you add a camera, you can watch who or what is coming or going, he said.

A SureFlap door allows a cat or dog to enter by reading a microchip implanted in the animal. "The product's inventor created SureFlap because his cat Flipper was

continually being followed back into the kitchen. The strays would eat Flipper's food, fight with him and spray the kitchen," said spokesman David Payne.

The PetSafe SmartDoor reads radio frequencies from a key on your dog's collar and Power Pet Doors by High Tech are activated by an ultrasonic collar worn by the pet.

• GUARD IT: Don't underestimate the value of your dog as a deterrent, said Col. Jerry Neufeld, public information officer for the Amarillo Police Department.

"A dog that barks, even if it's just a little dog that yaps, will draw attention and no criminal wants that," said Nicole Aguon, a crime specialist with the Livermore, Calif., Police Department.

A "Beware of Dog" sign — whether you have one or not — might also deter a burglar because most are opportunists and will move on rather than risk it, Aguon added.

• MINIMIZE THE RISK: Get the smallest door your dog or cat can reasonably get through, Neufeld said, and if you can unlock the door when you reach

a fraction of the cost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are options you're not seeing because the people around you don't see them. Instead of agreeing to the same reality, be different. The universe is counting on you to be different.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a mighty purpose today: to make people smile. You cannot underestimate the good such a purpose can do in the world, and you will achieve your aim.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 10). You have the best kind of fun this month: the kind you make yourself. Friends help, though. What you do purely for kicks could wind up being profitable in September. January features the study of a different culture. Family connections bring adventure in December. A romantic proposal in June is stellar. Virgo and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 35, 25, 4, 18 and 9.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** You'll be the one who stands out (in a good way) and grabs the attention of a highly compatible someone. **TAURUS:** Romantic movies can be bad for love, setting up unreal expectations. What happens naturally when you're not expecting anything at all will be much better. **GEMINI:** Sometimes all it takes is one pivotal event to bring people together. Such an event could happen Saturday night. **CANCER:** Quality time together won't happen unless you make it happen. **LEO:** To bring excellent romantic fortune, say a prayer or make a wish for the one you love. **VIRGO:** The power of touch makes a lasting impression, however casual and friendly that touch may be. **LIBRA:** Take pictures. There's something about the next 48 hours you'll want to remember. **SCORPIO:** Be impractical. Your status as a romantic is in danger of waning. **SAGITTARIUS:** Dance, skate, zip line. The more physical you are the more attractive you'll be. **CAPRICORN:** Music plays a key role in your love life. **AQUARIUS:** Your friends would thrill to know of your experiences, but don't kiss and tell. **PISCES:** Your strong sense of purpose will solidify a relationship.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Gemini's sparkling wit is the perfect pairing for Leo's bigger-than-life charms. And with the sun in Leo and the moon in Gemini, this combination performs much like a comedy duo this weekend. Gemini plays the straight man to Leo's banana antics. This all occurs in a rather understated and mutually endearing way. They learn to trust each other as they go for the laugh.

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and bought an apartment with this man in another state. I did not tell my husband or my son that I was leaving and have not spoken to either of them since.

Last week, my son called me. I ignored that call and the next eight (he doesn't give up easily), as I was unsure how to handle the situation.

And that's why I'm writing. My son and I have always gotten along pretty well, though he tends to be a little unstable at times and is rather anxious. Should I let my son back into my life, or is he better off not knowing what happened? — *Starting Again*

Dear Start: Outside of an abusive situation, I have never heard of a woman just disappearing, with her husband and teenage son having no idea where she is or why she left. I think they are entitled to know you have walked out for good, are not coming back and are not in harm's way. I assume your son has your cell number, which you apparently didn't change, and I wonder why your husband has not phoned you at all.

I not only think a divorce is in order, but a reconnection with your son is a must. If you find him "a little unstable" and anxious now, imagine the

scenario if he never gets any answers. Your "solution" to your troubles strikes me as irresponsible and selfish. No child could be "better off" not knowing why his mother left him. I suggest you answer the phone — or better yet, call him. — *Margo, depressingly*

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"I THINK MR. WILSON SLEEPS AT NIGHT AND HIBERNATES DURING THE DAY."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"How often do lightning bugs have to change their batteries?"

HAGAR

"THERE'S ANOTHER NICE THING ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR GARMENT..."

"...WITH HIS APPETITE, HE'LL PROBABLY GROW INTO IT!"

BC

"I THINK MR. WILSON SLEEPS AT NIGHT AND HIBERNATES DURING THE DAY."

BLONDIE

"YOU NEED TO SHOW ME AROUND SO I CAN SEE WHAT KIND OF A COMPANY I'LL BE INVESTING MY MONEY IN"

BLONDIE

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BLONDIE

"...AND BUMSTEAD SHOOTS! IT'S A NEW OLYMPIC RECORD FOR THE AGES!!"

WIZARD OF ID

"WAIT! IS THAT HELMET P.O.T. APPROVED?"

AGNES

"WELL? HOW DOES IT LOOK? HAND ME THE MIRROR."

HI AND LOIS

"WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE ROCK GROUP, DAD?"

THE OTHER COAST

"HA! GOTCHA!"

SNUFFY SMITH

"WIF ALL THEM HORSESHOES YOU MUST BE A LUCKY MAN, GRAMPS !!"

BETLE BAILEY

"I'M CONFUSED. IS TODAY THURSDAY?"

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 10, the 223rd day of 2012. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 10, 1962, Marvel Comics superhero Spider-Man made his debut in issue 15 of "Amazing Fantasy" (cover price: 12 cents).

On this date:

In 1680, Pueblo Indians launched a successful revolt against Spanish colonists in present-day New Mexico.

In 1792, during the French Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries ("TWEET'-luh-reez) Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed.)

In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1846, President James K. Polk signed a measure establishing the Smithsonian Institution.

In 1861, Confederate forces routed Union troops in the

Battle of Wilson's Creek in Missouri, the first major engagement of the Civil War west of the Mississippi River.

In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.

In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1962, the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum was dedicated in West Branch, Iowa, on the 88th birthday of the former president, who attended the ceremony along with former President Harry S. Truman.

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people had been slain.

In 1975, television personality David Frost announced he had purchased the exclusive rights to interview former President Richard Nixon.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a measure pro-

viding \$20,000 payments to Japanese-Americans who'd been interned by their government during World War II.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rhonda Fleming is 89. Actor-director Tom Laughlin ("Billy Jack") is 81. Singer Ronnie Spector is 69. Actor James Reynolds is 66. Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 65. Country musician Gene Johnson (Diamond Rio) is 63. Singer Patti Austin is 62. Actor Daniel Hugh Kelly is 60. Folk singer-songwriter Sam Baker is 58. Actress Rosanna Arquette is 53. Actor Antonio Banderas is 52. Rock musician Jon Farriss (INXS) is 51. Singer Julia Fordham is 50. Journalist-blogger Andrew Sullivan is 49.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 17 Start of a quote
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 - 21 Substitution word
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 - 23 Northeast Texas city
 - 25 Part 2 of quote
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 - 32 Most moist
 - 35 Existed
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 - 56 Norse "father of all"
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- 10 Buffalo hockey pro
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- 26 Boots
- 27 Emcee rituals
- 29 One of the Indigo Girls
- 33 Giant of philosophy
- 34 Paranormal power
- 35 Got to it
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- 44 Purify
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- 54 Purple perennial
- 57 National Book Mo.
- 58 Chase, in a way
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U.S. tops Japan, takes women's football gold

WEMBLEY, England (AP) — Hope Solo found herself enveloped in a group hug at the final whistle. Abby Wambach ran to join the fun in a celebration that unleashed a year of bottled-up frustration.

The U.S. women's football team won its third straight Olympic gold medal Thursday, beating Japan 2-1 in a rematch of last year's World Cup final and avenging the most painful loss in its history.

Carli Lloyd scored early in both halves, Solo leaped and dived to make saves, and the entire roster found the redemption it had been seeking since that penalty kick shootout loss in Germany last summer.

"This is the dream that we've all been thinking about and feeling for the last year since the World Cup," Wambach said.

Before 80,203 at Wembley Stadium, a record crowd for a women's football game at the Olympics, the teams put on a back-and-forth, don't-turn-your-head football showcase, proving again that these are the two premier teams in the world. Women's football is still in its formative stages in Britain, but the match proved more than worthy for the hallowed grounds of the beautiful game.

"I just kept pound-

ing my chest, going 'Guys, this is only about heart. We'll all tired, every player on the field. Twenty-two players on the field are tired," Wambach said. "It's about who wants it more, right here, right now. And today we proved that we did."

The Japanese perhaps played just as beautifully as the Americans, using their speed and discipline to dominate possession and scoring chances for long stretches before finally cutting a 2-0 deficit in half with about a half-hour to go.

"The result was tough on us, but I'm glad to get a medal," Yukari Kinga said. "We just wanted to challenge ourselves. We weren't relaxed but we weren't nervous. We just wanted to enjoy the game. We didn't give up until the very last moment."

Back home, America was paying attention — just as it was last year and despite the rest of the Olympic events. Even President Barack Obama, during a campaign speech at Colorado College during the second half of the game, noted that, "The women are doing pretty good right now in soccer."

Lloyd's goals came in eighth and 54th minutes, making it four goals in the tournament for the midfielder who lost her long-held start-

ing job weeks before the Olympics. She got back on the pitch when Shannon Boxx injured her hamstring in the opening game and started every game since.

Yuki Ogimi answered in the 63rd minute, and Asuna Tanaka nearly had the equalizer in the 83rd — only to be thwarted when Solo flung her entire body to the left to push the ball away.

The U.S. team has won four of the five Olympic titles since women's football was introduced at the 1996 Atlanta Games, settling for mere silver at the 2000 Games in Sydney.

In the first half, Japan was unfortunate not to have a penalty kick awarded for a clear hand ball by U.S. midfielder Tobin Heath, who stuck out her left arm to stop a free kick inside the area.

Japan also had two shots hit the crossbar, one off the left hand of a leaping Solo, who was kept consistently busy for the first time this tournament. The closest the U.S. came to doubling the lead in the first 45 minutes came when Azusa Iwashimizu attempted to clear a routine ball played in front of the net — and headed it off the post.

The U.S. goal in the eighth minute began with a run by Heath down the left side. She fed Alex Morgan, who settled the ball near the goal line, spun and chipped it toward Wambach.

Manning makes cameo, Broncos rout Bears 31-3

CHICAGO (AP) — Peyton Manning didn't hide his feelings. This one was special, and he simply wasn't about to dismiss it as just another tuneup.

He's come too far for that.

"I know how much hard work I've put in and how much help I've gotten along the way," he said. "I know once we get to Pittsburgh, it'll be all about the game. I'm not going to be too reflective."

His first preseason appearance with the Broncos was brief and a bit uneven. He hopes to have it ironed out by the opener Sept. 9.

Manning got intercepted near the goal line on the game's opening possession and watched from the sideline the rest of the way as Denver beat the Chicago Bears 31-3 Thursday night.

All eyes were on Manning and the results were mixed for the four-time MVP. Considering he missed all of last season with a nerve injury in his neck that weakened his throwing arm and led to his tearful farewell from the Indianapolis Colts, it was hardly a surprise.

Manning is trying to show he still has something left with Denver (No. 10 in the AP Pro32), and all things considered, coach John Fox was impressed.

"He's going to continue to improve," Fox said. "That's the whole challenge of our team. That was a good first start, good first outing, and it's what we do with it from here on out that's going to count."

On a cool and rainy night, Manning completed 4 of 7 passes for 44 yards, but didn't have to contend with Julius Peppers or Brian Urlacher. He had all the time he needed, too, so it remains to be seen how he'll handle a big hit.

But even with little pressure, he still was a bit off target against Chicago (No. 11 tie).

After a short run by Willis McGahee, Manning found Eric Decker on the left for 10 yards. A 19-yarder to Decker a few plays later put the ball on the 14, and the Broncos looked like they were poised to score.

Instead, on third down at the 12, Manning got picked off when Denver's Brandon Stokley deflected a pass and Major Wright dived for the interception at the 2. Wright then left the game with a hamstring injury that he said was "nothing major," no pun intended.

Manning was finished for the night, too, and that brought the biggest story to a close.

"There's always a little bit of an unknown,

there's obviously a lot of change," he said. "New team, new players, not ideal weather conditions. There were some different elements for me. It's hard to know what's going to happen, it's hard to predict, but I felt like I had a little rhythm there on offense, things we can build on. ... Overall, I thought it was a decent start."

Another big angle never materialized. That was the Jay Cutler-Brandon Marshall reunion.

They put up big numbers in Denver and they're back together after the Bears (No. 11 tie) acquired Marshall from Miami. That blockbuster trade gave Cutler the go-to target he's lacked since he arrived from the Broncos and sent expectations soaring in Chicago after a disappointing 8-8 finish. But instead of a first look, fans got a rain check.

Cutler warmed up but coach Lovie Smith decided to hold him out, one day after his fiancée Kristin Cavallari gave birth to a boy named Camden Jack.

"It wasn't really in the plan for Jay to go out there," coach Lovie Smith said. "He'll get more reps this week."

Running back Matt Forte and Peppers were also in uniform but did not play.

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Zimmermann (9-6) matched his career high for strikeouts with 11 in his sixth consecutive victory.

Washington beat the Astros twice in extra innings while earning its second series win at Minute Maid Park. The other one came in August 2007, when the Nationals took three of four.

The Astros own the worst record in baseball at 36-77 and are a dreadful 4-34 since June 27, a stretch that includes two wins in 15 home games.

It was their last game against Washington as National League brethren. Houston is moving to the AL West next season.

The loss, the first by shutout since July 20 at San Diego, marked the 10th time Houston was swept in a series.

"We want to win in the worst way," reliever Wilton Lopez said. "It just hasn't happened for us."

The Nationals are having no such problems.

Zimmermann had a field day with Houston, allowing just three hits over six innings. The Astros were outhit 12-5.

Harrell (9-8) gave up two runs and five hits over five innings. He struck out five and walked five in his first loss since July 19 at San Diego.

The two runs came in a 32-pitch fourth inning that included an RBI single by Adam LaRoche and a sacrifice fly by Morse.

"That fourth inning got him in trouble," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "He ran out of gas in that fourth inning. He was able to get through the fifth inning but wound up with 100

pitches. With where we were and last outing in Atlanta pushing him to 118 and with this max effort, the last thing we wanted to do was get him hurt."

The Nationals went on to load the bases with two outs, but Harrell was able to contain the damage by getting Zimmermann to line out to center.

"I made a few good pitches there in the fourth," Harrell said. "Just a few pitches here and there, and things would have been a lot different. That was the best I felt in probably my past four or five starts."

Washington picked up another run in the sixth when Morse homered to left off reliever Mickey Storey

Morse homered again in the eighth, this time off right-hander Fernando Rodriguez, to make it 4-0.

It was Morse's 10th home run of the season. He finished 2 for 3 with three RBIs, one of four Nationals with multihit games.

Ryan Zimmerman's ninth-inning sacrifice fly drove in Cesar Izturis to cap the scoring.

Remember Gonzalez's tweet? He followed it with an explanation about how things were not going the Astros' way despite them playing and working hard every day.

"That will change tomorrow," Gonzalez said in closing.

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6	3	1	9	2	5	8	4	7
4	8	9	3	7	1	6	5	2

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COACHES

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"Never wanted to be one just to be one."

Kyle Flood takes over at Rutgers, where Greg Schiano left unexpectedly for the NFL just a few days before signing day in February. The 41-year-old Flood might not have gotten the job under less hectic circumstances, but he says he's ready.

He's been preparing for years.

"From a young age in this profession, I wanted to be a head football coach," he said.

Several of the first-year coaches are still at a young age in the profession.

Memphis hired 36-year-old Justin Fuente away from TCU, where he was co-offensive coordinator, and Toledo promoted

32-year-old Matt Campbell from offensive coordinator to head coach after Tim Beckman left for Illinois.

Inexperience is not likely to buy extra time for the newbies. After last season, three coaches were fired (Larry Porter by Memphis, Rob Ianello by Akron and Turner Gill by Kansas) after only two years on the job.

The top jobs at Ohio State and North Carolina, where former Southern Mississippi coach Larry Fedora ended up, opened because of NCAA violations committed by the previous regimes.

Outside of Penn State, Arkansas had the most tumultuous coaching transition, with John L. Smith taking over after Bobby Petrino was caught lying about an affair with a member of the athletic staff.

Unlike most of the new

coaches, Smith, the former Michigan State and Louisville coach, takes over a team primed to contend for a national championship.

Flood's Scarlet Knights, who play at Arkansas in September, aren't quite national title contenders, but they are among the favorites in the Big East.

While most new coaches have to rebuild, he only needs to guide a program that's been running well.

"The key to it is, the last thing you want to do is try to be the prior guy because your personality and his might not be identical," said Flood, who was Schiano's assistant head coach for five years. "I admire Greg. Greg is a friend of mine and a mentor. But Greg and I don't have the same personality. For me to try to be Greg Schiano would have never worked."

Where Flood provides a smooth transition to a stable situation, Chryst will try to bring stability to Pittsburgh. No program has gone through more coaching turmoil in the past few seasons.

Chryst is the Panthers' third head coach in the past three seasons after Dave Wannstedt and Todd Graham, who left after less than a year on the job. That doesn't include Mike Haywood, who was fired without ever coaching a game after a run-in with the law. Pitt has also used two interim coaches for its past two bowl games.

After all that, it would seem Chryst would take over with a little less pressure to win now. But not necessarily. He knows it, but he has no complaints.

"We're pretty lucky to be doing what we're doing," he said.

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LEGEND

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talking now, because I am a legend.”

Another legend, Carl Lewis, has 10 Olympic medals — won in individual races, relays and the long jump over a span of four Olympics — and it's possible Bolt, who has whimsically spoken about trying the long jump, might want to look at reaching that number some day, too. He clearly has no love for Lewis.

In the only awkward moment of an otherwise engaging news conference, Bolt lashed out at Lewis, saying the American spends too much time casting aspersions about the possibility that the Jamaicans are dopers.

“Carl Lewis, I have no respect for him,” Bolt said.

“The things he says about the track athletes is really downgrading for another athlete to say something like that.”

But this was no day for bickering. It was a giant

celebration.

The win sealed, Bolt took a meandering victory lap that included some old fan favorites — his archer-like “To The World” pose — and some new ones — borrowing a photographer's camera and taking a few pictures.

He also banged out five pushups on the track, one for each of the gold medals he has won.

While Bolt won his fifth career gold on the track, the Americans were piling them up in other corners of the stadium.

They went 1-2 in the decathlon (Ashton Eaton and Trey Hardee) and triple jump (Christian Taylor and Will Clay), raising the U.S. total to 24 medals, one more than what they won in Beijing, with three days to go.

“It's infectious,” U.S. men's coach Andrew Valmon said.

“When you think about coming in, we had one team meeting. We made it about the athletes and talked about what we needed to do, heard the message one time, embraced it and took on the challenge.”

There was one world record established: David Rudisha of Kenya won the 800 meters in 1 minute, 40.91 seconds, improving his own standard by 0.10.

Hoping to hone in on a little slice of the Bolt magic, Rudisha served up the prospect of a showdown over 400 meters against the Jamaican, who used to run that distance but abandoned it because it was too much of a grind.

Bolt was more than happy to handicap that potential race.

“I think if I train, I can take Rudisha over 400 meters,” he said.

Maybe someday. But the goal heading to London was to become a “living legend,” and while he's making a pretty good case for himself, International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge said it's too early to make such determinations.

“The career of Usain Bolt has to be judged when the career stops,” said Rogge, who criticized the Jamaican four years ago for showboating by slapping himself on the chest at the finish of the 100.

“Let him participate in three, four games, and he can be a legend,” Rogge added.

“Already he's an icon.”

An icon the Olympics would love to keep around.

Almost single-handedly, Bolt has helped track transform itself from a dying sport to one with a singular, smiling, worldwide star.

He turns 26 this month, however, and didn't sound completely sold on sticking around through the Rio Olympics in 2016.

“It's going to be a hard mission,” he said.

But before he worries about that, there is more business to take care of at these Olympics.

“Tonight, all I've got to do is go home and rest,” he said.

“I've got the 4-by-1 coming up, and after that on Saturday, I'll party like it's my birthday.”

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